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To Lyle D. Jaffe,

I am in support of the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens which is so cruel + inhumane.

The poor defenceless birds suffer horrendously for farmers' profit. Just so that hens will produce more eggs their bodies are forced into losing their feathers more rapidly than would happen in nature by starving them + depriving them of water for weeks as well as keeping them in total darkness. Most die, but those who do survive are reduced to skin + bone.

Crowded together in cages, corpses + faeces line the floor + the starving birds peck frantically at feathers + manure.

The chicken bones are weakened + egg production inevitably decreases leading the poor hens to be sent to slaughter.

Due to the poor condition of the meat because of abscesses, internal hemorrhaging + other signs of malnutrition, it can

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only be used for products such as pet food +
chicken soup which hide the truth.

Forced molting leads to eggs with salmonella
poisoning because the birds immune systems
are so weak.

I demand that forced molting be stopped
in the US + any country that continues
to carry out this cruel practise.

Yours sincerely,
Heather Sweeting.

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